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RELIEF and GOVERNMENT

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PARISH OF WALTHAMSTOW,

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C O U N T Y O F E S S E X.

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ABSTRACTS from the several ACTS of PARLIA-
MENT relative to the Relief of the Poor, on
which they are founded.

To which is added,

The DUTIES of the VESTRY-CLERK and the BEADLE.

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AND CHURCH

OF THE PARISH OF

ST. MARY

IN THE CITY OF

WINDSOR

OF THE COUNTY OF

BERKSHIRE

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relating to the Sale of the Poor, or
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RULES AND ORDERS, &c.

For the RELIEF of the POOR.

IT IS ENACTED,

BY *the 43^d of Eliz. ch. 2^d.* The Churchwardens and Overseers, with the consent of two Justices, (1 Q.) shall take order from time to time, for setting to work the children of all such whose parents shall not by the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or the greater part of them, be thought able to keep and maintain their children; and for setting to work all such persons, married or unmarried, having no means to maintain them, and using no ordinary and daily trade; and for the necessary relief of the lame, impotent, old, blind, and such other among them being poor, and not able to work. S. 1. And the said Justices, or one of them, shall send to the house of correction, or common gaol, such as shall not employ themselves to work, being appointed thereunto as aforesaid, S. 4.

By the 9th of Geo. ch. 7th. It shall be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers, in any parish, township, or place, with the consent of the major part of the Parishioners or Inhabitants, in Vestry, or other public meeting for that purpose assembled, or of so many of them as shall be so assembled, upon usual notice thereof first given, to purchase or hire any house or houses, in the same parish, township, or place, and to contract with any person or persons for the lodging, keeping, maintaining, and employing any or all such Poor in their respective parishes, townships, or places, as shall desire to receive relief or collection, and there to keep, maintain, and employ all such poor persons, and take the benefit of the work, labour, and services of any such poor persons, who shall be kept or maintained in any such house or houses, for the better maintenance and relief of such poor persons, who shall be kept and maintained. And if any poor person shall refuse to be lodged, kept, or maintained in such house or houses, he shall be put out of the Parish-book, and shall not be intitled to receive relief from the Churchwardens and Overseers. S. 4.

By the 3d of Wm. ch. 2d. There shall be provided and kept in every Parish, a book, wherein the names of all persons who receive collection shall be registered, with the day and year when they were first admitted to have relief, and the occasion which brought them under that necessity; and yearly in Easter week, or as often as shall be thought convenient, the Parishioners shall meet in the Vestry, or other usual place of meeting in the Parish, before whom the book shall be produced, and all persons receiving collection to be called over, and the reasons of their taking relief examined, and a new list made and entered of such persons as they shall think fit, and allow to receive collection.

collection. AND NO OTHER PERSON shall be allowed to receive collection at the charge of the Parish, but by Authority, under the hand of one Justice residing within such Parish, or (if none be there dwelling) in the parts near or next adjoining, or by order of the Justices in Sessions, except in cases of Pestilential Diseases, Plague, or Small-pox, for such families only as shall be therewith infected. S. 11.

By the 9th Geo. ch. 7th. No Justice shall order relief to any poor person, until oath be made before him of some matter, which he shall judge to be a reasonable cause for having such relief; and that the same person had by himself, or some other, applied for relief to the Parishioners, at some Vestry or other public meeting, or two of the Overseers, and was by them refused to be relieved; and until such Justice hath summoned two of the Overseers to shew cause why such relief should not be given, and the person so summoned hath been heard, or made default to appear. And the person whom such Justice shall think fit to be ordered to be relieved shall be entered in such book, as one of those who is to receive collection, as long as the cause for such relief continues, and no longer. And no officer shall (except upon sudden and emergent occasions) bring to the account of the Parish, any money he shall give to any poor person who is not registered in such book, as a person intitled to receive collection, on pain of Five Pounds by distress, by warrant of two Justices, who shall have examined into and found him guilty of such offence; which said sum shall be applied to the use of the Poor by direction of the Justices. S. 1 and 2.

By the 8th and 9th of Wm. ch. 30th. MOREOVER, every such person as shall be upon the collection, and receive relief of any parish or place, and the

wife and children of any such person cohabiting in the same house (such child only excepted, as shall be by the Churchwardens and Overseers permitted to live at home, in order to attend an impotent or helpless parent) shall upon the shoulder of the right sleeve of the uppermost garment, in an open and visible manner, wear a large Roman P, together with the first letter of the name of the Parish or place, whereof such poor person is an inhabitant, cut either in red or blue cloth, as by the Churchwardens and Overseers shall be directed: And if any such poor person shall neglect or refuse to wear any such badge or mark, it shall be lawful for one Justice to punish such offender, either by ordering his allowance to be abridged, suspended, or withdrawn, or otherwise, by committing him to the house of correction, to be whipt and kept to hard labour, not exceeding 21 days; and if any Churchwarden or Overseer shall relieve any such poor person, not wearing such badge, and he be thereof convicted on oath of one witness, before a Justice, he shall forfeit 20 Shillings by distress, half to the informer, and half to the poor. S. 2.

By the 24th, Geo. 2d, ch. 40th. No spirituous liquors shall be sold or used in any workhouse or house of entertainment for Parish Poor.

By the 2d of Geo. 3d, ch. 20th. If any MILITIA-MAN, who shall have been chosen by lot, shall, when embodied and called out into actual service, and ordered to march, leave a family unable to support themselves, the Overseers of the place where such family shall dwell, shall, by the order of one Justice, out of the Poor-rates of such place, pay to such family a weekly allowance, according to the usual price of husbandry there, as followeth: For one child under ten years of
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age, the price of one day's work; for two such children, not exceeding the price of two days; for three or four such children, not exceeding three days; and for five or more such children, under the age of ten years, not exceeding four days; and for the wife, not exceeding one day's work; and the same shall be forthwith reimbursed to such Overseer, by the Treasurer of the county.

By the 19th of Geo. 3d, ch. 22d. The families of SUBSTITUTES, Hired Men, or Volunteers, serving in the Militia, are to be relieved by the same proportion, by order of one Justice, who, at the time of ordering relief, is to make an order for the Overseers of the Parish for which he shall serve, to reimburse the Overseers who shall advance the same, if in the same county.—If not in the same county, the Overseers are to be reimbursed by the Treasurer of the County for which such Substitute serves, by a certificate from the Justice who ordered such relief.—And no such allowance to the families of Militia-men or Substitutes is to affect their rights of voting, or their settlements, nor are their families to be compelled to reside or lodge in any workhouse or poor-house.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

At a Vestry holden the 27th day of November, 1779.

IT APPEARED,

THAT notwithstanding the laws above recited, and the instructions given by the Justices to every Overseer with his warrant, and the number of Poor kept in the workhouse, and also contrary to several orders of Vestry; that within a few years past, a Pension List was arisen, and then weekly paid, to the amount of six pounds and upwards, for every week; and that without any one order from a Justice of the Peace, to the very great burden and hardship of the industrious part of the inhabitants.

It was therefore RESOLVED and ORDERED,

That no person be admitted on the Pension List, or be relieved at any place out of the parish, except such persons as may be insane, have the small-pox, or other infectious disorder, and nurse children under three years of age; but that such poor persons as want other than immediate relief (upon sudden and emergent occasions) are to be admitted into the workhouse, which if they refuse, they are not to be relieved by the Overseer at the Parish charge, but directed to the senior Churchwarden, who will, if proper, relieve them on the charitable benefactions account.

That

That such aged, diseased, or distressed persons, as may be for the present continued on the Pension List, be not allowed more than two shillings and sixpence per week for a grown person, and one shilling and sixpence for a child with its mother.

That whatever officer in future acts contrary to the foregoing Laws and Rules, do bear all such expences as may be incurred thereby, at his own cost and charge.

See Act the 9th Geo. 2d. ch. 7th.

That for the information of future Officers and the Poor, fair copies of these Resolutions and Orders be fixed in the Vestry-room and Lobby thereto.

At the Annual Vestry, held for the choice of Officers, and other Parish Business, on Easter Monday, the 26th of March, 1780.

RESOLVED,

That from and after Midsummer-day, 1780, the poor in the workhouse be no longer farmed, but maintained under the care of a Governor and Governess, who shall be under the immediate inspection of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor for the time being; to which purpose they are desired to contract, from time to time, with such persons as will supply the poor with the different articles wanted, at the

most reasonable rates; and to take such other steps for the compleating this good design as may be necessary.

In pursuance of the above Resolution, at a meeting of the Officers, April 8, 1780.

P R E S E N T,

Rev. EDWARD CONYERS, Vicar,

JOEL JOHNSON, Churchwarden.

MICHAEL FOSTER, } Overseers!
WILLIAM GREENWOOD, }

The Churchwarden proposed the following
R U L E S.

RULES

RULES *for the* GOVERNMENT
of the POOR, *in the Work-house of*
the Parish of Walthamstow.

The Duty of the Governor and Governess.

1. **T**HE persons to whom the care of the Poor shall be intrusted, to be a man and his wife; sober, discreet, and diligent, experienced in household management, capable of governing the Poor with humanity to them, and œconomy for the Parish; they are to follow no other employment, business, or interest, but that of the Parish, and give security for the trust that may be reposed in them, and for the faithful discharge of their duty, if required.

2. Every thing, the Parish property in the workhouse, to be delivered over to the Governor by an inventory signed by the officers, and the party intrusted, and are by him to be accounted for whenever called upon by the Officers for the time being, or the major part of them.

3. That the Governor to be appointed, be able to write a plain legible hand, and keep an account of the name, age, sex, time of reception, death or discharge of every person who shall be admitted into the house, in a book to be provided for that purpose, and in such form and manner as he shall be directed by the Officers.

4. That

4. That he admit no person into the house for relief, without an order signed by the Churchwarden, or Overseer of the Poor for the time being, or discharge any from the house without such order.

5. That he keep a regular and fair daily account of all provisions, stores, cloaths, goods, materials, tools, or other things that shall be received into the house, and of all work done therein, in such form as he shall be directed.

6. He is to give an account in writing, once in every week, to the Overseers, of every thing that he may foresee will be wanting in the house, a week or more before it is wanted.

7. He is strictly to examine all goods and provisions received, and make a faithful and due complaint to the officers of all deficiencies in quality, weight, or other defects, in whatever may be contracted for, immediately on the discovery thereof, that they may see the same redressed.

8. He is to suffer no embezzlement or waste of goods, materials, cloaths, or provisions, to the best of his abilities, but give immediate notice thereof to the Churchwardens or Overseers.

9. He is not to deliver out of the house any work, materials, tools or provisions, or any other matter, without an order in writing, sign'd by the Churchwardens and Overseers, or the major part of them.

10. In the absence of the Churchwardens and Overseers, he is to preside over every person in the workhouse as master of the family, with the greatest care and humanity to the sick, lame, impotent persons, children and others committed to his care.

11. He

11. He is to cause the sick to follow the directions of the Parish Surgeon and Apothecary, to whom he is, on any disorder appearing on any of the Poor under his care, immediately to apply; and also, if necessary, to acquaint the officers thereof, that in case of necessity they may be recommended to proper hospitals.

12. He is to talk, and keep diligently at work, all such persons as are able, proper regard being had to Sex, Age, and Strength, in such business and employment, and during such hours, as shall be set forth in a table of regulations for the poor in the said workhouse.

13. He is to suffer no spirituous liquors to be at any time brought into the house on any account whatever, without licence or order from the Apothecary, as necessary for any particular person.

14. He is to suffer no Pauper to go without-side the yard or garden gates, on any account whatever, unless with the leave of an officer in writing, and when they may at times of necessity be hired out to assist the farmers at hay time or harvest, at such prices as shall be fixed by the Officers.

15. He is to take care that the person or persons who may be occasionally appointed to read to the Poor, or teach the Children to read or to work, perform their duty in manner as shall be set forth in the table of regulations before-named.

16. He is to suffer no persons to visit the poor in the house on the Lord's day, without a note in writing from one of the Churchwardens or Overseers.

17. He is to take especial care that every person in health, men, women, and children above
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four years old, except such only as are necessary to attend the sick, do constantly attend divine service in the church on every Sunday morning and afternoon, and on all holydays, clean washed and dressed, and decently seated, a quarter of an hour before prayers are to begin, and stay in their seats till the congregation is departed.

18. The Governor or Governess are at all times to walk with the poor to and from the church, causing also occasionally the person who is to assist in teaching the children, to assist in superintending the behaviour of the Poor to, at, and from the church.

19. He is not to suffer any part of the parish uniform clothing to be given unto, or carried away by, any Pauper who shall be discharged the house, on any account whatever.

20. He is, from time to time, to give a faithful account to the Churchwardens and Overseers, of the behaviour of all the Poor under his care, that those who behave well may be rewarded, and that those who behave ill may be punished by the Magistrate.

21. If the Governor and Governess faithfully and diligently perform the duties of their offices, according to the foregoing rules, and the table of regulations for the conduct of the Poor, he is to be paid by the Overseers, for the time being, Pounds a Year in the whole, for himself and his wife, in four equal quarterly payments, on the usual quarter days, as the same shall become due.

RULES and ORDERS

To be observed and obeyed by every Pauper who shall be admitted into the House.

1. **A**T the admittance into the house, he or she shall, if necessary, be stripped and washed clean, and be examined by the Surgeon and Apothecary, to see that they are not afflicted with any infectious disease; and whenever such disorder shall be suspected, they are to be kept alone till he shall report their health and fitness for society.

2. The apparel of such as shall be admitted, is to be aired and cleaned, and, if proper, ticketed and laid by for their use, when discharged the house; and any that may be infected with vermin, or supposed to be so, are to be put in a bag, laid on an iron frame, and baked in an oven, properly heated, till the vermin are destroyed, or infection removed, before they are so laid by.

3. On the Apothecary's report of health, the Pauper is to be cloathed in the uniform of the house.

4. The uniform cloathing for each Man and Boy to be,

Two coats and two waistcoats, made of good Yorkshire plains.

Two pair of Russia drab breeches; one of each to be kept clean for Sundays.

Three shirts, three neckcloths, and three handkerchiefs.

Three pair of stockings, and two night caps.

Two pair of shoes, one hat.

The antient men to have a great coat if needful.

5. For

5. For the Women and Girls, each to have,
Two gowns, and two petticoats of linzey, of the
same drab colour with the mens and boys
cloaths.

One pair leather bodice, one baize petticoat.
Three shifts, three day caps, and three night caps,
Three coloured aprons, and one white ditto.
Three coloured handkerchiefs, and one white
ditto.

Two pair of shoes, two pockets, one hat.

The Aged to have a cloak, the same colour of
the gown, if necessary.

6. The uniform of every Pauper to be num-
bered, and also marked, as the Laws direct; to be
laid by in a proper place, when out of use, and de-
livered out when wanted, by the Governor and
Governess of the house.

7. The beds in the house to be made proper
for every person, above fourteen years of age, to
sleep separate.

8. A proper place to be appointed for the
reception of every person who may be supposed
affected with any contagious disorder.

9. A room to be appointed for sick men and
boys, and another for sick women and girls.

10. From Lady-day to Michaelmas-day, every
person in health, and able, is to rise at half past
five, and appear clean washed, combed, and
drest, at Six o'clock, in a room appointed, where
the Governor, or the person who may be ap-
pointed to teach the children to read, shall read
the Psalms, Epistle and Gospel for the day, or
such other lessons, and such prayers as he shall be
directed by the Minister; after which every one
shall immediately go to their proper employment
till eight o'clock, when all shall breakfast, for
which

which half an hour shall be allowed, and then all shall diligently work till twelve, when all shall dine; and at one return to work till six; when a chapter, and such evening prayers, as shall be appointed by the Minister, shall be read; and from thence till supper shall be allowed for recreation, their friends may visit them, or they may otherwise usefully employ themselves till eight, when all shall sup, and at nine be in bed. No Pauper shall, on any pretence, go without-side the yard gate, without leave from the Governor; and if any person presume to lie out of the house one night, they are not to be admitted again without an order from the majority of the officers.

11. From Michaelmas to Lady-day the hour to rise to be Seven, breakfast at Nine, dine at Twelve, leave work at Five, sup at Seven, and be in bed at Eight; the intermediate time to be employed as before, and from prayer-time in the morning till breakfast, and after three in the afternoon, all the children, boys and girls, shall be instructed in reading, and in the first principles of the Christian religion, and all such as are able, in the other parts of the day, shall be taught and made to work.

12. Proper books for learning the children to read, Bibles, Testaments, and Prayer-books, will be provided by the Officers, for the use of the house, and whoever shall abuse them will be punished.

13. On Every Lord's day, and at all such other times as the Minister shall direct, the poor children shall attend, and be catechised, as he shall see convenient.

14. The Diet of the Poor to be,

Bread made of second flour.

Beer brewed of good malt, run as near as may be, to two hundred gallons from one quarter of malt.

Beef—mouse buttocks, clods, and stickings, and tops of ribs

Mutton—legs and breasts.

Sundays.

Breakfast—bread and cheese, or butter

Dinner—meat, puddings and vegetables

Supper—bread and cheese or spoon-meat

Mondays.

Breakfast—milk-pottage, or broth

Dinner—puddings or dumplings

Supper—bread and cheese or spoon-meat

Tuesdays.

Breakfast—milk-pottage

Dinner—meat and vegetables

Supper—Bread and cheese or spoon-meat

Wednesdays.

Breakfast—milk-pottage, or broth

Dinner—soup, or milk thickened with rice or flour

Supper—bread, cheese, and butter, or spoon meat

Thursdays.

Breakfast—milk-pottage

Dinner—meat and vegetables

Supper—bread and cheese and butter, or spoon-meat

Fridays.

Breakfast—milk-pottage, or broth

Dinner—peas-soup

Supper—bread and cheese or butter, or spoon-meat

Saturdays.

Saturdays.

Breakfast—milk-pottage

Dinner—cold meat, potatoes, or soup

Supper—bread and cheese or butter, or spoon-meat.

15. EMPLOYMENT.

That of the Men and Boys, shall be in cultivating the garden for the use of the house, picking oakam, spinning hemp or flax, and such other business as the Officers, with the consent and approbation of the Justices, shall, from time to time, appoint.

That of the Women and Girls, in spinning jersey, flax, hemp, yarn for stockings, and knitting the same for the use of the house; making, mending and washing the linen, cleaning the house, and such other business as shall be directed as aforesaid.

16. To all which the poor shall be made diligently to apply themselves, under pain of the severest penalties, to be inflicted by the Laws, in case of disobedience; and they are not to use any abusive, obscene, or bad language among themselves, or to any other person whatever, but to behave orderly, not quarrel, but respect one another, reverence their Benefactors and Governors, and wherein they may think themselves aggrieved, are to submit their complaints to the Churchwardens and Overseers, for the time being, who will patiently hear, and with pleasure redress, any real grievance.

ANTHONY TODD, Esq; of Walthamstow,

PEREGRINE BERTIE, Esq; of Leyton, and

SAMUEL BOSANQUET, Esq; of Ditto,

Having seen, consented to, and recommended the foregoing Rules and Regulations to be put in Execution;

At a Public Vestry held on the 27th day
of June, 1780;

P R E S E N T,

THE REV. EDWARD CONYERS, Vicar,

JOEL JOHNSON, } Churchwardens,
JAMES HOWARD, }

MICHAEL FOSTER, } Overseers,
WILLIAM GREENWOOD, }

PEREGRINE BERTIE, Esq;

JOHN RIGG, Esq;

JOHN FREE, Esq;

THOMAS FLETCHER, Esq;

THOMAS SIMS, Esq;

JOSEPH EYRE, Esq;

STRACEY TILL, Esq;

JOHN HAFLEY, Esq;

EDWARD PICKARD, Esq;

Mr. DAVID BEAN,

PAUL LIGHTWOOD,

JOSEPH DAVIS,

JOHN COE,

THOMAS WATKINS,

RICHARD BANKS,

THOMAS FLACK,

The whole was approved, confirmed, and established unanimously. And,

In order to make the same more useful and permanent, the following Gentlemen were appointed a Committee, to assist the Officers in the repairs, furniture, cloathing, &c. and to visit the house occasionally, to see that the Rules and Regulations are duly observed.

The Rev. Mr. CONYERS, or his Curate;
 ANTHONY TODD, Esq;
 JOHN RIGG, Esq;
 THOMAS SIMS, Esq;
 JOSEPH EYRE, Esq;
 JAMES NEAVE, Esq;
 EDWARD PICKARD, Esq;
 JOHN HAFFEY, Esq;

The Office and Duty of the Clerk of the Vestry.

HE is to attend all Vestrys, and to act as Register or Secretary thereto and therein.

His business is to make clear and distinct minutes of all its acts, enter them fairly in the minute-book, and to see them regularly signed by such of the inhabitants as shall be then and thereto consenting.

To draw up and copy all orders, votes, motions, and other acts of the Vestry, and to give out fair copies thereof, when ordered by the Vestry, or Churchwardens, but not otherwise.

He is to make all rate books, and attend the signing thereof by the officers and inhabitants, and by his Majesty's Justices of the Peace; to have the care and custody (under the Churchwardens) of the Parish writings, books and papers, and duly enter in the books the accounts of the Officers, after their being approved; and keep

keep all other the parish-accounts in a fair hand-writing, and in such form and manner as the Vestry shall direct.

He is to collect all rents and rates whatever due and payable to the Churchwardens, and to the Overseers of the poor, and immediately to pay the same into the hands of the Officer for whose use it is received; and to give security for the trust reposed in him, as well for his care of the writings and books, as for the monies by him to be received, if required, by the Vestry or Churchwardens.

He is to have no vote, or use any manner of influence, or otherwise interfere in parish affairs, but as in his office required.

The Duty of the Beadle.

HE is constantly to attend the Vestrys, and diligently to execute all orders received therefrom; and he is to give notice in writing, at the residence (within the parish) of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor, and of all such of the inhabitants who have either served or paid the usual fine to be excused serving the office of Churchwarden, specifying the place where, and time when, such Vestry is to be holden, notwithstanding the same notice may be given in the Church.

He is constantly to attend on Sundays, during divine service, to prevent boys from playing in the church-yard, or other disorderly matters;—to be aiding and assisting the constable in taking up beggars, and other disorderly persons, at all times; to execute the orders of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor, for the time being, in aiding and assisting the constable to secure such persons

persons as by the said Churchwardens and Overseers may be thought within the meaning of the present, or any future act of parliament, for the better or more speedily recruiting his Majesty's forces.

He is to attend to, and procure the passing of Vagrants and Paupers, not legally settled in the parish; and diligently to search out for, and produce to the Vestry, or to the Overseers of the Poor, once within every quarter of a year at least, a true list of all persons suspected of keeping disorderly houses; of all who receive inmates, with the names of such inmates, and of all such persons as do, or shall come to reside in any cottage within the parish, not having a certificate from their legal place of settlement; and he is to do every matter and thing that is within his power, and can be reasonably required of him, as the servant and messenger of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the time being.

There is a great deal of talk about the
state of the country, and the
people are very much interested in
the progress of the war. The
government is doing its best to
maintain the peace, and the
people are doing their best to
support the government. The
war is a great trial to the
country, but it is also a great
opportunity for the people to
show their patriotism and
loyalty to the country. The
government is very grateful for
the support of the people, and
it is confident that the war
will be won in the end.

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OF THE

TRADE OF WALTHAMSTOW

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SEVERAL ASSOCIATIONS

WITH THE ANNUAL PRODUCE

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1487 **W**ILLIAM HYLL, Vicar of *l. s. d.*
this parish, by his will,
dated the 26th day of May, be-
queathed as followeth: " I will the
church of Walthamstow have one acre
of meadow of the Low-hall hold,
under this condition, that it be not
fold, but the yearly profit thereof come
to the church, so that the church-
wardens keep my anniversary, my
fadyrs, and my modys, bearing such
charges as may be thought fitt and
convenient."

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1527 Sir GEORGE MONOX, citizen and
draper, lord-mayor of London, A. D.
1514, having obtained a faculty from
the bishop of London for the ground,
erected the school and alms-houses on
the north side the church-yard.

1535 He built the chapel at the north-
east corner of the church, and repaired
the north isle and the steeple.

ROBERT THORNE, citizen and merchant-taylor of London, being lately deceased, leaving one thousand pounds for charitable uses, and Paul Withipole his executor, who being proprietor of the manor of the rectory, and the advowson of the vicarage, he, with a part thereof, rebuilt the south isle, extending it to the east end of the chancel, Mr. William Lee at the same time repairing the church roof.

1541 Sir GEORGE MONOX afore said, two years before his decease, which happened on the 9th day of February, A.D. 1543, established orders for the regulating his alms folk and alms priest; and by an indenture, dated the 6th day of June in the same year, vested in trustees the following endowments, secured by a rent-charge issuing from certain premises in Fenchurch-street and Mark-lane, London, that his trustees, "shall content and pay yearly for ever, the sum of forty-two pounds seventeen shillings and four-pence, in manner and form as followeth,"

To an honest priest, who shall keep a free-school at Walthamstow, to teach the young children.

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To thirteen alms folk, viz. eight men, and five women, weekly for ever, in equal proportions, seven shillings and seven-pence.

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To the said alms folk in coals, to be divided equally in the months of November, December, January and February.

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To one able person to be parish clerk, to sing and serve God in the parish-church, and assist in teaching the children there; a chamber, if unmarried; and

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For an obit to be kept yearly on the day of the founder's decease, if there be no law to the contrary, five pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence. This cannot now be kept, and the remaining four pounds nine shillings and eightpence is unappropriated by the indenture, and might be intended for repairs.

1585 ROBERT RAMPSTONE of Chingford, Esq; by his will, dated the second day of August, gave a rent-charge of two pounds a year, payable from certain lands called Stone-hall, near Dunmow in this county, to the churchwardens for the use of the poor.

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1599 ELIZABETH ALFORD, widow of Robert Alford, one of the trustees of Sir George Monox, abovenamed, and who by some means became possessed of the estate from which Sir George's rent-charge issues, enjoined her son Edward Alford, to convey, by a deed which he executed the 12th day of February, a further rent-charge of nine pounds a year, secured by the said estate, appropriating the same as follows:

To be paid to the school-master, or some other honest persons of the town of Walthamstow, on the feast of St. Bartholomew, five pounds to buy frieze, or some other cloathing, to be

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divided equally among the said alms-folk.

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To be paid in like manner, on every feast of St. Thomas, two pounds, to be equally divided among the said alms-folk.

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To be paid in like manner, on every Ash-wednesday, two pounds, to be bestowed in herrings, or other victuals.

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The above, with the other endowments by Sir George Monox to the alms-folk, are at this time regularly distributed, or equivalents in money.

1609 THOMAS COLBY, alms-priest and school-master, dying of the plague, by his nuncupative will gave all his goods to the poor of the parish, and alms-folk, to the amount of seventy pounds, which, by a commission of inquiry for charitable uses, was found to have been detained several years by his executor George Solme; he was therefore condemned to pay fifty pounds damages, and the whole sum of one hundred and twenty pounds, was ordered to be laid out in the purchase of lands, and with it was bought, of George Rodney of Walthamstow, A.D. 1634. the lands called Hale brinks: the rents and profits thereof, by a decree of the court of chancery, are to be by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor, distributed to the poor of the parish, and alms-folk, on the feast of St. Thomas in every year. These lands when bought

did let at seven, and now do let at
seventeen pounds a year.

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1621 WILLIAM CONYERS, Esq; in
grateful remembrance of Tristram
Conyers, Esq; late of this parish, by
a deed dated the 20th day of Novem-
ber, gave an annuity of seven pounds
ten shillings, secured by certain lands
within the parish, payable yearly, on
the feasts of St. John Baptist and St.
Thomas, in equal proportions, to the
churchwardens and overseers of the
poor, some or one of them, that they,
or some of them, shall distribute the
same to twelve poor persons of the
said parish, after morning service, on
every sabbath day in the year, in
twelve three-penny loaves of bread,
which are to be placed, during divine
service on Monox's stone; the twelve
persons who shall receive them, whe-
ther alms-folk or other poor of the
parish, are to be agreed on yearly,
within ten days after the feast of St.
Thomas, by the churchwardens and
overseers of the poor, and four of the
principal inhabitants. The names of
the twelve persons so appointed to re-
ceive the loaves, are to be written on
a parchment roll, and that roll sub-
scribed by the churchwardens, over-
seers, and four inhabitants, having
one and the same title for ever; viz.
A note of the poor inhabitants of the
parish of Walthamstow as are to re-
ceive, for this year following, by the
number of twelve, every sabbath-

day, three-pence in bread, by the
gift of Tristram Conyers, Esq;

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1642 RICHARD GARNETT, of this
parish, monyer, by his will dated the
sixth day of January, gave a rent
charge of three pounds a year, se-
cured by certain lands near Marsh-
street, to the churchwardens and
overseers of the poor for the time
being, to be by them weekly distri-
buted to the poor in bread, at two
shillings and six-pence a week, be-
ginning from the first Sunday in No-
vember in every year, and continuing
till the three pounds are run out and
expended.

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1643 THOMAS GAMULL, of this parish,
gent. by his will dated the 25th day
of January, gave Honey-bone field,
otherwise Pryors croft, and two acres
on Marsh down, otherwise Broom
field, copyhold of the manor of the
rectory, that the rents and profits
should be from time to time disposed
of as follows: viz. twelve-pence per
week, to be laid out in bread, and
distributed to the poor every Sunday
morning; and all the rest and re-
sidue to be distributed to the poor
on the 24th day of December, in
every year, to such persons, and so
many of the poor inhabitants, as the
churchwardens and overseers of the
poor shall think fit.

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Note, till Michelmas 1779. these
lands lett only at three, and then to
the best bidders at nine pounds

ten shillings a year, beside liberty reserved to dig gravel for the parish roads.

1650 THE INHABITANTS, by several charitable donations, having raised to the amount of ninety-five pounds, on the 23d day of October, purchased of Robert Rowe, Esq; of Lowleyton, the lands called the Braches on the south side of Hacker-lane, to the use, order, and intent that the rents and profits thereof be given to the poor, at the discretion of the churchwardens for the time being, with the consent of the inhabitants; which lands, when purchased, did lett for seven, and do now lett for twenty-seven pounds fourteen shillings per year.

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1674 EDWARD CORBY, citizen and cook of London, a person who was by the parish put apprentice, by his will dated the 25th day of April, gave his copyhold lands, messuages, and tenements, situate in Wood-street in this parish, and held of the manor of Walthamstow-Toney, to the following uses; viz. Out of the rents and profits thereof twenty shillings to the minister, for his preaching a sermon on his birthday in every year; five shillings a year to the parish-clerk; and thirty shillings to the churchwardens for the time being, to provide a dinner or supper with the minister, and whom they think fit. The remainder, which is at this time three pounds fifteen shillings, to be distributed to the poor, at the discretion of the churchwardens.

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He was baptized at Walthamstow, 26th of May 1613; the day of his birth not exactly known, but kept 26th of May.

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1686 HENRY MAYNARD, Esq; merchant of London, brother to Sir William Maynard, the first baronet of that family, and who was also an inhabitant of this parish, gave while living the church communion plate, and by his will, dated the 18th day of November, gave fifty pounds to repair the school-house, and nine hundred and fifty pounds to the following uses: Four hundred pounds, part thereof to purchase lands, the rents and profits to be paid and applied to the use of the minister of the said parish for the time being, for his better support, and for preaching a sermon on every Sunday in the afternoon on every feast of St. Thomas, and on the day of the death of the testator in every year, and for reading his will publickly in the said church on the day of his death yearly. And gave two hundred pounds, further part thereof, to be laid out as aforesaid, the rents and profits for the use of the school-master for the time being, for his better support, and for reading prayers in the church on every Sunday in the afternoon, and for teaching eight poor children of this parish, to be from time to time recommended by Sir William Maynard and his heirs. And also gave to the parish of Walthamstow three hundred pounds, to be laid

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out as aforesaid, that the profits thereof should, after sermon on St. Thomas his day, and on the day of the death of the said testator yearly for ever, be by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor for the time being, disposed of among the poor and real necessitous inhabitants of the said parish, by equal portions. And gave fifty pounds, being the remainder and residue of the said nine hundred and fifty pounds, to be laid out in lands as aforesaid, that the profits thereof should be paid and distributed in manner following: viz. Ten shillings to the parish-clerk, on the day of the testator's death yearly for ever, provided such clerk do give his constant attendance at every sermon to be preached in pursuance of the said will, and the residue of the profits to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor, equally among them, on the day of the death of the testator (which happened on the 27th day of November) to buy each of them a ring.

NOTE. With the nine hundred and fifty pounds aforesaid, was purchased the farm at Higham-Hill, and the lands thereto belonging, then and now lett at forty-eight pounds a year; and with a part of the rents and profits therefrom arising, during sixteen years contest in Chancery, the copyhold farm and lands, called Stretmans, held from the manors of Salisbury-hall and Higham Bensteads, was purchased, which was then and now does lett at twenty-five pounds a year,

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making, in the whole, seventy-three pounds a year neat rent.

The Minister's share being four hundred pounds, or eight nineteenth parts of the profits, amounts yearly to

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The School-masters, — being two hundred pounds, or four nineteenths

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The Poors, — being three hundred pounds, or six nineteenths — —

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The Officers, fifty pounds, including the parish clerk, being one nineteenth. — — —

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1697 ROBERT OZLER, of St. Martin in in the Fields, by his will, dated the 3d day of February, gave three hundred pounds for building and founding a free-school in the parish of Lowleyton: after endowing the same with twelve pounds a year for ever, his will is, " which school I do intend, for the teaching and instructing of the children of the inhabitants of Lowleyton and Walthamstow in reading and writing, free, without paying any thing to the school-master in that behalf." At this time twenty boys, ten from each parish, are taught as above.

Note. This school being destroyed by fire, the parish of Walthamstow paid forty-two pounds as a moiety of its cost repairing 1779.

1705 ANTHONY COMPTON, of St. Sepulchre, London, by his will, dated the 20th of January, gave twenty pounds for the use of the poor.

DINAH COMPTON, sister of the above, gave five pounds; which said two sums lay at interest, and accumulated till they became fifty pounds; and in the year 1730, were employed towards building the work-house.

1708 ELIZABETH COOPER, of Wodestone (near Peterborough) in the county of Huntingdon, spinster, by her will, dated the 3d day of October, gave the reversion (after the decease of Elizabeth Kestian) of two hundred pounds, to purchase lands for the benefit of the vicar.—Mr. Edmond Chishull, afterwards vicar, received the same, and purchased of William Rowe a copyhold field, called Wilgods, held of the manor of Salisbury-Hall, and was admitted 1716. — 6 6 0

1708 MATTHEW HUMBERSTONE, of St. Olave, Hart-street, London, by his will, dated the 8th day of March, gave to the parish of Walthamstow, ten pounds for the use of the poor. Also gave five hundred pounds to erect six alms-houses and a school, as described in his will, endowing the same with an annuity of fourteen pounds a year;—and four pounds a year for such of his alms-folk.

Note. Mrs. Mary Humberstone, his widow, paid the ten pounds A. D. 1710, but the other part was never executed.

1711 THOMAS TURNER, of St. Botolph Aldersgate, London, by his will,

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dated the 18th of May, gave to the parish where he should be buried one hundred and thirty pounds, to be laid out in the purchase of land ; the rents and profits thereof to be applied to the following uses : viz. If the churchwardens of St. Botolph come to the church where he is buried, on the next Sunday after the 21st day of May in every year, they are to have fifteen shillings ; if they neglect, it is to be given to the poor. The parish to keep up his grave-stone, and trees round the same, and the remainder to be distributed to the poor in bread every Sunday morning, at the discretion of churchwardens and overseers of the poor.

Note. He was buried at Walthamstow A. D. 1714.—See application of his legacy 1729.

1713 SUSANNE SAMMS, by her will, dated the 24th day of September, after giving four pounds to poor inhabitants therein named, gives “ all the rest and residue of her estate to be employed in purchasing a brass branch candlestick for the use of the church of Walthamstow, and in erecting a turrett on the steeple of the church for the hanging therein the Saints bell : both these works, as well as the care of my grave-stone, to be committed to the care of Mr. Edmund Chishull, minister of Walthamstow.”

Note, This benefaction amounted to about forty-four pounds, and ex-

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tended to the benefaction tables in the church.

1714 SIR FRANCIS EYLES, alderman of London, and inhabitant of this parish, at the expence of fifty pounds gave the marble baptismal font, and the velvet cushion and hangings to the pulpit.

1723 SIGISMUND TRAFFORD, Esq; of Dunton-hall, in Tidd St. Mary's, in the county of Lincoln, by his will bequeathed to the ministers and churchwardens of Walthamstow, for the time being, ten pounds a year, issuing from lands in Tidd St. Mary's aforesaid, for the following uses, viz. The keeping the family tomb, by him erected in the church, in repair; to which purpose a fund of fifty pounds, raised by the said ten pounds a year, is always to be ready: To pay the Sexton ten shillings a year, by four equal quarterly payments of two shillings and sixpence each, provided he keeps it clean. All the rest and residue of the said ten pounds a year to be applied to the use of the poor, as the minister, churchwardens and inhabitants, in vestry assembled, shall direct. Proviso: if the tomb be out of repair three months at any time, or others interred in the vault, the whole legacy reverts to the possessor of the fee simple of the said lands — — 10 0 0

1729 THE INHABITANTS, in a full vestry assembled, unanimously, on the 26th

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day of December, agreed to employ the monies given by Anthony Comp-ton and Dinah his sister, and also that given by Thomas Turner, with interest due thereon, amounting in the whole to one hundred and eighty pounds (the interest whereof had till then been given to the poor in bread) in the purchase of lands, to build a workhouse on, and in erecting the same, for the use of the poor; at the same time obligating themselves and successors to pay five per cent. interest, or eight pounds a year, to be raised by the poor rates, and laid out in bread to be given to the poor according to the wills of the donors — — 8 o o

1730 THOMAS CLARKE advanced one hundred pounds, to be employed in building the workhouse, on consideration of his being paid five pounds a year during his life. He dying A. D. 1746, the annuity ceased.

1734 EDMUND WISE, by his will, dated the 17th day of February, gave to the parish of Walthamstow certain lands in the parish of Lowleyton, on condition that the churchwardens for the time being, keep in decent repair his mother's tomb, in which he intended to be buried, and which tomb is situate in the church-yard, near to the south-west corner of the church. In case of failure in the repairs, the land reverts to the heirs of Elizabeth Butterfield, his niece. When left to the parish, the land lett at five pounds,

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and now lets at fourteen pounds a year ; which not being by the will appropriated to any other use, is to be accounted for to the parish by the church-wardens. — — 14 0 0

He also gave ten pounds in money to the use of the Poor at the time of his decease.

1735 JEREMIAH WAKELING, late of this parish, by his will, dated the 16th day of June, gave one acre and half of land, copyhold of the manor of Walthamstow Toney, and called the Pound Field, to the churchwardens for the time being, the yearly issues, rents, and profits to be laid out in bread or meat, and distributed to the poor on every New-Year's-Day, so long as his heirs shall peaceably and quietly enjoy a certain pew in the south isle of the church of Walthamstow, which he had in exchange for his pew in the gallery of the said church, and bricked grave under the said gallery ; and privilege to erect a monument in some convenient place in the church, in memory of his family : and whenever his heirs are disturbed or hindered by the said parish in the quiet enjoyment of his said pew, bricked grave, and monument as aforesaid, then the rents and profits of the said land shall return back to his heirs for ever — — 3 0 0

Note. By an assignment from the minister, churchwardens, and inha-

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bitants, dated the 20th day of June, A. D. 1731, his heirs claim a right to put in this pew any inhabitant; by which, and the restrictions of this will, they so lett the said pew that, the field letting only for three pounds a year, when the quit-rents and fines are deducted therefrom, his heirs are supposed to gain by the legacy.

1748 BY THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS of several well disposed inhabitants, the church clock was purchased and put up, at the cost of seventy pounds.

1752 THOMAS LEGENDRE, Esq; of this parish, by his will, dated the 9th day of March, gave six hundred pounds, now vested in government securities, "the interest and produce thereof to be by the minister and churchwardens laid out yearly in sea coals, for the use and benefit of the poor that shall live in the parish, altho' not the poor claiming a right to the said parish."—"I will and order that, within fourteen days before Christmas, shall be delivered to each poor person, not less than two sacks, or more than three sacks, of coals to each; and my desire is, that widows be preferred to any others: And if this my will is not complied with, then my executors, or their executors, or administrators, shall sue for and recover the said legacy from the said parish, and apply the said sum to some other charitable purpose." It now consists of 564l. re-

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duced three per cent. annuities, and
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1755 CATHARINE WOOLBALL, widow of
William Woolball, Esq; late of Wal-
thamstow, by her will, dated the 5th
day of November, bequeathed "to
the poor of Walthamstow four hun-
dred pounds, to be put out at interest,
in the names of trustees to be named
by the inhabitants, at a vestry called
for that purpose, and the interest
thereof to be annually applied, at
Christmas in every year, for the be-
nefit of the poor of the said parish,
as the minister and churchwardens
for the time being shall direct." An-
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Note. It consists of 445 l. three per
cent. reduced annuities, and, with
that of Mr. Legendre, make one
capital sum of 1009 l.

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A N N U A L B E N E F A C T I O N S .
1779.

To the thirteen Alm-Folk.

BY Sir George Menox, to be paid by his trustees, or their heirs,		l. s. d.
In coals, to be divided equally in the months of November, December, January and February ———		5 0 0
In money, seven-pence to each person weekly ——— ———		19 14 4
By Mrs. Alford, to be paid by the same trustees		
In frieze or other cloathing, to be di- stributed equally on the feast of St. Bartholomew ———		5 0 0
In money, ditto on the feast of St. Thomas ——— ———		2 0 0
In herrings, or other victuals, ditto on Ash-wednesday ———		2 0 0

To the poor Parishioners in general, in Bread.

To be distributed every Sunday morning after divine
service.

By Mrs. Conyers, at the discretion of the
churchwardens, overseers, and four

inhabitants	—	—	7 10 0
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Mr. <i>Garnett</i> , at the discretion of the churchwardens	—	3	0	0
Mr. <i>Gamull</i> , ditto	—	2	12	0
Mr. <i>Compton</i> , ditto	—	2	10	0
Mr. <i>Turner</i> , ditto	—	4	15	0

In Bread or Meat.

By Mr. <i>Wakelin</i> , to be distributed by the churchwardens on New-years day	3	0	0
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In Sea Coals.

By Mr. <i>Legendre</i> , to be distributed in fourteen days before Christmas to the poor that live in the parish, (altho' not the poor claiming a right thereto) in quantities not less than two sacks, nor more than three sacks to each poor person, at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens, giving the widows the preference	—	16	18	2
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In Money,

By Mr. <i>Maynard</i> , on the 27th of November and feast of St. Thomas, in equal proportions	—	23	1	0
Mr. <i>Colby</i> , on the feast of St. Thomas, at discretion of churchwardens and overseers	— —	17	0	0
Mr. <i>Gamull</i> , on Christmas eve, at discretion of churchwardens		6-18	0	
Mr. <i>Rampstone</i> , at the discretion of churchwardens, no fixt time		2	0	0
<i>Donations of Several</i> , at discretion of churchwardens and vestry for the time being	— —	27	14	0
Mr. <i>Corby</i> , at the discretion of churchwardens, no fixt time	—	3	15	0

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By Mr. <i>Woolball</i> , at discretion of the minister and churchwardens, at Christmas	— — — —	13	7	2
Mr. <i>Trafford</i> , at discretion of the minister and churchwardens, and vestry for the time being	— —	9	10	0

To the Vicar.

By Mr. <i>Corby</i> , to be paid the 26th day of May, by the churchwardens		1	0	0
Mr. <i>Maynard</i> , on the 27th of November, and on the feast of St. Thomas, by his trustees	—	30	14	0
Mrs. <i>Cooper</i> , the rent of a field called Wilgods, purchased with her reversionary legacy	—	6	6	0

To the Alms-Priest, and Schoolmaster.

By Sir <i>George Monox</i> , to be paid annually by his trustees	—	6	13	4
Mr. <i>Maynard</i> , to be paid on the 27th of November and feast of St. Thomas, by his trustees	—	15	7	4

To the Parish Clerk.

By Sir <i>George Monox</i> , in case he assists the schoolmaster to teach the children		1	6	8
Mr. <i>Corby</i> , to be paid by the churchwardens on the 26th of May		0	5	0
Mr. <i>Maynard</i> , by his trustees, on the 27th of November	—	0	10	9

To the Sexton.

By Mr. <i>Trafford</i> , to be paid by the churchwarden in four equal quarterly payments	—	0	10	0
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To the Churchwardens of St. Botolph
Alderfgate.

By Mr. *Turner*, to be paid by the Walthamstow churchwardens, in case they come to the said church on the Sunday next after the 21st day of May; if they neglect, it is to be given to the poor — 0 15 0

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of
Walthamstow.

By the Vicar *Hyll*, the rent of an acre of land, to keep his anniversary, say 27th November — 1 6 0

Mr. *Corby*, to keep his birth-day on the 26th of May — 1 10 0

Mr. *Maynard*, for to buy them rings on the 27th of November, being the day of his decease — 3 7 0

To the Parish of Walthamstow.

By Mr. *Wise*, certain lands, the rents and profits thereof for the keeping in decent repair his mother's tomb: the overplus, not being appropriated by his will, is to be accounted for by the churchwarden; and if the tomb is neglected, the land reverts to the heirs of his niece 14 0 0

